Concessional air tickets by Directors of IA

13. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Directors of Indian Airlines are causing heavy losses to the Airlines by providing free/concessional air tickets for national/ international places to their friends/nearer and dearer in the name of public relations;

(b) whether Indian Airlines is providing free air tickets to those people/families whose properties are being used by Indian Airlines as offices/holiday homes and godowns for which they are being paid rent;

(c) if so, the names of Directors who provided free tickets alongwith the number of tickets issued during the last three years, month-wise;

(d) whether Government propose to put check on it; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Complimentary air passages have been issued to the landlords for the properties leased/hired for use as office, holiday home and godowns as part of the lease agreement. This arrangement helps in reducing/containing lease charges/rentals.

A statement indicating the number of tickets issued, as per the lease agreements approved by the Regional Directors, during the last three years is enclosed. (*See* bleow)

(d) and (e) Government has no proposal in this regard as free tickets agreed to in the Agreements with the landlords do not have revenue implication and such arrangements are entered into only if it is in the overall interest of the organization.

Statement

Number of Tickets issued during the last three years

Months	Year		
	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
April	-	-	2
May	-	1	5
June	-	-	6
July	1	-	-
August	1	-	-
September	-	12	-
October	-	-	-
November	1	2	1
December	-	4	1
January	-	4	6
February	-	-	1
March	1	-	-
TOTAL	4	23	22

Purchase of new helicopters

†14. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of areas including North-Eastern Region of the country being provided with the helicopter services;

(b) whether it is a fact that the helicopters being used for ferrying passengers in Lakshadweep from Cochin to Agati, Agati to Bangaram and Bangaram to Kawarati happens to be more than 15 years old;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to replace the old helicopters and procure the new ones?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.